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Attorney Docket: 4041J-000762

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2004, Paper No./Mail Date 07202004, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. The species principally illustrated in Figures 1-10;
- II. The species principally illustrated in Figure 11;
- III. The species principally illustrated in Figure 12;
- IV. The species principally illustrated in Figure 13;
- V. The species principally illustrated in Figures 14-16; and,

VI. Page 28, line 5 – Page 30, line 20.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species I principally illustrated in Figures 1-10. Applicant believes that Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10, 11, 15 and 16 read on the elected species and that at least Claim 16 is generic. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

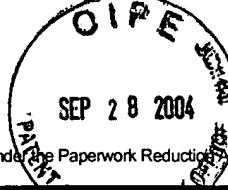
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